

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

Lanard Toys Limited,)	
Plaintiff,)	Case No. 17-cv-00550-SRB
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v.)	
)	
Menard, Inc. et al,)	
Defendants.)	
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ORDER

It is hereby

ORDERED that the mediation conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. CST, on October 30, 2017, in Courtroom 6A,¹ United States Courthouse, 400 East Ninth Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Each party as well as lead trial counsel shall attend this conference. A corporate or other non-individual party shall be represented by a person with sufficient authority within the organization to participate meaningfully in a discussion of settlement and to bind the organization if a settlement agreement is reached. In addition, if an insurance company's approval or authority to settle is required by any party, a representative of that insurance company shall attend this conference.

Prior to the mediation conference proceedings, counsel shall discuss settlement with their respective clients and insurance representatives.

¹The conference will not be held in chambers. Counsel and parties are instructed to proceed directly to the courtroom. DO NOT report to chambers.

NO LATER than seven (7) days prior to mediation, or October 23, 2017, the parties shall email my law clerk, Clay Nordsiek (clay_nordsiek@mow.uscourts.gov), a written confidential mediation statement of no more than three (3) pages setting forth the following: the relevant positions of the parties concerning factual issues, legal issues, damages, and the settlement negotiation history of the case. I may call counsel before the mediation to discuss any questions or issues raised in the mediation statements.

During the mediation, separate confidential caucuses will be held with each party and the party's representative(s). All statements made by any attorney, party, representative *or myself* during the caucus sessions shall be kept confidential. It is further

ORDERED that should this case be settled by the parties before the scheduled mediation conference, the parties shall call my chambers at 816-512-1895 and inform me of the settlement agreement. Reaching a settlement agreement without directly notifying my chambers does not excuse any of the lawyers or parties from appearing as ordered at the mediation conference.

/s/ Cynthia A. Norton
CYNTHIA A. NORTON
United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

October 4, 2017